

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending. Claim 3 has been amended to correct an unintentional omission of text. No new matter has been introduced. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Information Disclosure Statement are also being filed.

The statement of Reasons for Allowance appears to refer to the claims before the amendment filed on October 2, 2006. Applicant submits that the claims as amended on October 2, 2006 are allowable in view of their respective features.

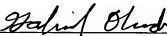
The Request for Continued Examination fee in the amount of \$790.00 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization.

Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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